Surplus land of Railways near Sankrail in Howrah

2594. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to utilize surplus railway lands for mobilizing additional financial resources;

(b) if so, whether Government has surplus land near Sankrail in Howrah;

(c) if so, the details thereof and since when it has remained idle;

(d) the details of original price paid as compensation to owners;

(e) whether Government will consider reverting back this land to State Government for setting up industries;

(f) if so, the future plans thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the land may be reverted back to original former owners or to their descendents; if so, the plans thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Duranto Trains

2595. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Duranto non-stop express trains have started from Delhi to Sealdah and Chennai;

(b) if so, the other Duranto non-stop express trains which are going to be commissioned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hyderabad Duranto non-stop express train was to start from October, 2009; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not commissioning the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Duronto Express trains, as announced in Railway Budget 2009-10, will be introduced in the financial year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Relief to passengers of local trains in Mumbai

†2596. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.